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Minutes for the PWSD #1 of Gasconade County board meeting held on November 17, 2025.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Mike Garlock. Those in attendance were Mike Garlock, Randy Fuller, David Dietrich and Laura Buck. Brian Gentges, Melinda Zaremba, Julia Baker, Cathy and Doug August, William and Taylor Carty, Heather and Josh Claspill, Megan Jost and Bilinda Garlock were visitors.

The hearing for the sewer rate increase was held. Mike Garlock asked for questions or comments. Melinda Zaremba said she is the only one in her household so the flat rate is high for one person. Mike answered there is no good way to make a distinction for the number of people in the house. Josh Claspill asked if there were other options like dispersing some of the cost among the water availability lot owners. Mike said in the past we have done this, but this increase is because of sewer. Even if we raised rates for the water availability customers, the raise wouldn't be significant enough to make a difference. William Carty had some comments about the lawsuit he has against the district. Julia Baker asked about the possibility of grants to help with the cost. Mike explained we already have two grants but we are always looking for more. Megan Jost asked how we planned to cover the shortfall. Mike replied that we have enough funds to cover the upcoming year and maybe the next year. Doug August had questions about the expected expenses. Josh Claspill asked if we could use some of the funds for the roads that haven't been fixed to cover the sewer cost. Mike explained those funds aren't ours, they belong to PVPOA. Julia Baker asked if we had any plans for non-payers. Randy Fuller said we file liens for non-payers. Brian Gentges from Cochran Engineering explained why we received a violation from the EPA that led to building the plant. Randy Fuller said that Cochran gave us three options of plants and we choose the one that was not the least expensive to build, but had the least expenses to operate. Mike thanked everyone for coming and invited them to stay for the rest of the board meeting.

Brian said they have a few problems with the plant like one probe on the oxidation ditch not working. Another probe has been ordered and will be here this week. The UV tubes didn't have a weir plate so they have to be moved back about a foot and a half.

The SCADA quote had a lot of things we don't need in it. He will sit down with Don and go over the list.

Brian thinks the solar panel bid is way higher than it needs to be. He thinks a third of what they proposed would work. Randy knows someone else he can ask for a bid.

- David Dietrich made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2025 meeting. Randy Fuller seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion passed.
- David Dietrich made a motion to approve the financials for October 2025. Randy Fuller seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion passed.

- Randy Fuller made a motion to approve the Billing Registry for October 2025. David Dietrich seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion passed.

David Dietrich and Randy Fuller both agree to try MPUA for a year. Laura will get us signed up and then let Mike know so he can ask about grants.

David Dietrich asked if we were registered with One Call. Randy said he thinks so but most of the lines out here are PVC with no tracers so they are hard to find.

Doug August asked when we were going to move the office. Laura replied she didn't know because they haven't even turned the building over to us. Mike said we still need Three Rivers to put up a pole so we can get internet. Cathy August suggested Starlink for internet. She said they don't have upfront costs any more.

Megan Jost asked if we were mandated to move. Mike replied no.

Doug August mentioned that Tom and Terry Bolte cleaned up the area by the Booster Station and cut up the underbrush. Mike Garlock said yes, they did and we would like to thank them for that.

- Randy Fuller made a motion to adjourn at 6:13. David Dietrich seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion passed.